

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 15.2

TEMPORAL LOBECTOMY

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Temporal lobectomy is the surgical removal of the lobe of the cerebrum located laterally and below the frontal and occipital lobes.

III. POLICY

Temporal lobectomy/surgical excision of an epileptogenic focus is a benefit subject to the "Policy Considerations" below.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Temporal lobectomy/surgical excision of an epileptogenic focus in the treatment of intractable complex partial seizures may be considered for cost sharing when all of the following criteria are met.

1. The diagnosis of epilepsy has been confirmed.
2. Antiepileptic drugs have failed to control the patient's seizures.
3. The seizure focus is located in an area of the brain amenable to surgical resection.

B. Claims for this procedure are subject to medical review.

C. Related Issuances.

1. [Chapter 1, Section 22.6](#), ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHIC (EEG) VIDEO MONITORING.

2. [Chapter 1, Section 22.4](#), ELECTROCORTICOGRAPHY.

3. [Chapter 1, Section 22.7](#), FUNCTIONAL CORTICAL MAPPING.

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